

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Plaintiff,

v.

CORTEZ L. WOOTEN,

Defendant.

No. 10-30088-DRH

MEMORANDUM and ORDER

HERNDON, Chief Judge:

Now before the Court is the Government's July 2, 2010 motion in limine (Doc.18). A response from Defendant Wooten is not necessary as the law applicable to the Government's request is clear. Based on the following, the Court **GRANTS** the Government's motion. The Government moves the Court to preclude Defendant from arguing Defendant's punishment to the jury. The Court **GRANTS** this request. **See Shannon v. United States, 512 U.S. 573, 579 (1994)**("when a jury has no sentencing function, it should be admonished to 'reach its verdict without regard to what sentence might be imposed.'").

Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** the Government's July 2, 2010 motion in limine (Doc. 18).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 6th day of July, 2010.

/s/ David R. Herndon
Chief Judge
United States District Court